

BY-LAWS

of the

MASSACHUSETTS RIFLE ASSOCIATION.

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I. Name and Object.

This Association shall be called The Massachusetts Rifle Association. Its object shall be to promote rifle-practice in Massachusetts.

II. Officers.

The officers of this Association shall consist of a President, two Vice-Presidents, a Treasurer, a Secretary, and a Board of Directors. The Board of Directors shall consist of fifteen members, chosen by the Association, and the Treasurer and Secretary, ex-officio. The officers shall be chosen annually by ballot by the members of the Association, with the exception of the President, who shall be chosen by the Directors from their own number, and shall hold their offices for one year, and until others are chosen in their stead. The Directors shall also choose a counsellor, executive officers, and statistical officers, to hold their offices during the pleasure of the Board.

III. Management.

1. The Board of Directors shall control the affairs of the Association, take cognizance of all infractions of the Charter and By-Laws, and fill vacancies which may occur in the offices of the Association, until the time of the next annual meeting.

2. A quorum of the Board of Directors shall consist of five members.

3. The Board of Directors shall, for their government, from time to time, make rules and regulations and shooting-rules for the government of the Association, not inconsistent with these By-Laws.

4. The interpretation of the Rules and By-Laws shall rest with the Board of Directors.

5. Any Director may at any time examine the records of the Secretary, or inspect the accounts of the Treasurer.

6. The following Standing Committees, each to consist of three members, shall be elected by the Directors, during the month of January in each year, or as soon thereafter as may be:

Finance Committee, Range Committee, Membership Committee, Trap-Shooting Committee, and such other committees as may be deemed necessary.

The Directors shall also choose at the same time four of their own number, who, with the President, shall constitute an Executive Committee.

IV. Duties of Officers.

1. The President of the Association, or, in his absence, one of the Vice-Presidents, shall authorize the call of all meetings of the Board of Directors, and shall call special meetings of the Association at the request of four of the Board of Directors, or of ten members of the Association. He shall have the right, ex-officio, to be present at meetings of the committees.

2. The Secretary of the Association shall notify each member of the Board of Directors of all its meetings and each member of the Association of every meeting of the Association; issue all other authorized notices to members; post on the range a copy of all new rules made by the Directors; make and keep a true record of all meetings of the Directors and of the Association; have custody of the records and papers and the corporate seal of the Association, and conduct all correspondence.

At the discretion of the Board of Directors, notices of meetings of the Association may be given by publishing the same in one or more newspapers of general circulation published in Boston; such notices to appear at least one week previous to the meeting.

3. The Treasurer shall collect and have charge of the funds of the Association, subject to the control of the Board of Directors, and pay such bills as shall have been approved by the Finance Committee. He shall keep account of his transactions, and make a detailed report thereof, with vouchers annexed, when required by

the Directors, and an annual report to the Association at its annual meeting. He shall have custody of the medals, trophies, and prizes of the Association. He shall order score-cards printed, and deliver the same to the Statistical Officer, as may be required. He shall give bonds in such sum as shall be fixed by the Directors.

4. The Statistical Officer shall keep a record of the statistics of the Association, and account and pay over to the Treasurer, weekly, all moneys received by him, less his disbursements in the various matches of the Association, with schedules giving an itemized account of the same, and shall be accountable to the Treasurer for all score-cards and other tickets received by him for the use of the Association. He shall direct the services of the clerical employees at the meetings for competition.

5. The Finance Committee shall have the general supervision of the finances of the Association. They shall, from time to time, examine the accounts of the Treasurer and Statistical Officer, and recommend such methods in keeping the same as may seem for the interest of the Association. No obligations of the Association beyond those necessary for current wants shall be made until the Finance Committee shall have considered and reported upon the necessity and propriety of the plan proposed.

6. The Range Committee shall have charge of the Range, and all the property of the Association connected therewith. They shall attend to the purchase of all necessary supplies for the use of the Range-keeper and the markers. They shall audit all claims and bills against the Association for labor on and supplies used at the Range. But this committee shall have no power to make contracts or purchases in the name of the Association, for anything more than the usual supplies, unless authorized by a formal vote of the Board of Directors. They shall appoint a Range-keeper, Markers, and such assistants as may be necessary, and direct their services. They shall require the Range-keeper to make returns of the property in his charge, which returns shall

be examined and indorsed by the committee or its chairman, and presented to the Board of Directors. They shall make such temporary rules and regulations for the use of the grounds and the targets as shall seem necessary. They shall generally do and perform everything needful to protect the interests of the Association and secure a successful management of the Range.

7. The Executive Committee shall have general supervision of the affairs of the Association, not inconsistent with the powers and duties of other officers and committees as set forth, and shall report their action to the Directors for approval. They shall inquire into and report upon all infractions of the rules and regulations of the Association by any of its members, and recommend action thereon.

V. The Board of Directors.

1. The stated meetings of the Board of Directors shall be held on the first Tuesday of each month, subject to the discretion of the Board of Directors. Special meetings may be called at any time by the President, or, in his absence, by one of the Vice-Presidents, and shall be called upon the request of three Directors.

2. All special committees shall be appointed by the presiding officer, unless otherwise ordered.

3. Any member of the Board who shall, in its opinion, conduct himself in a manner prejudicial to the interests of the Association, may be removed from the Board of Directors by a two-thirds vote of all the members of the Board at any stated meeting, provided the member accused shall have been personally notified, in writing, at least ten days previously, of the charges against him, and a hearing given him thereon at a stated meeting therein specified.

4. Neglect on the part of any Director to attend six successive meetings of the Board shall be deemed a tender of the resignation of his office. But the Board may excuse any member for such neglect, and, before his resignation is accepted, under this By-Law, the member in default must be specially notified of the same.

VI. Membership.

Any person desiring to become a member of the Association, shall make written application in due form upon a blank furnished by the Association, and bearing the indorsement of two members in good standing. The application will be considered by the Directors, and if action is favorable the applicant will become a member upon subscribing to the By-Laws and paying the admission fee of ten dollars.

VII. Rights and Duties of Members.

1. All members of the Association shall be entitled to equal rights and privileges.
2. All members shall subscribe to the By-Laws.
3. The annual dues, except for existing life members, who are exempt, shall be ten dollars, payable in advance on the first day of January in each year, and if the annual dues of any member shall remain unpaid for four months thereafter, his membership shall cease, and he cannot be reinstated except by vote of the Board of Directors and payment of all arrears to the Association.
4. Any member can become a member for life by the payment in one sum of \$25.00, and shall thereafter be exempt from all dues and assessments. No life members shall be elected after December 2, 1919.
5. Any member who shall persistently refuse to pay any indebtedness to the Association shall, at the discretion of the Board of Directors, forfeit his membership, and shall not be reinstated except by vote of the Board of Directors and payment of all arrears.
6. No member shall be allowed to transfer his rights of membership.
7. Any member whose conduct shall be pronounced, by a two-thirds vote of the whole Board, as endangering, or likely to endanger, the welfare, interest, or character of the Association, shall forfeit his membership. Such vote shall not be taken without giving two weeks' notice to the offender of the charges made against him, and affording him an opportunity of being heard in his defence.

8. Any member having complaints or suggestions to make as to the management of the Association must do so, in writing, to the Directors.

9. No member shall take any property whatever belonging to the Association, from its rooms or grounds except by authority of the Directors.

10. Any member wishing to resign shall make his resignation, in writing, to the Secretary, but his resignation shall not be accepted until all his dues are paid.

11. All rights and interest of a member in the property and privileges of the Association shall cease with the termination of his membership.

12. Non-members may be permitted to use the Range under such restrictions and on payment of such amount as may be fixed by the Board of Directors. The Range shall be free to members at such times as may be fixed by the Board; at other times each shooting-party must pay such rates of target hire as may be established by the Board of Directors; provided, that no targets shall be let to shooting-parties on match days of the Association, except at the discretion of the Executive Officer.

13. No betting, nor use of intoxicating drinks, nor any person under the influence of liquor, shall be allowed upon the premises of the Association.

VIII. Meetings.

1. The members of the Association shall hold an annual meeting on the second Tuesday of January in each year, and such special meetings as may be called pursuant to these By-Laws. If the annual meeting shall not take place at the time fixed, it shall be held within a reasonable time thereafter, and the officers and Directors shall hold over until their successors shall have been appointed.

2. Ten members present at a general or special meeting of the Association shall form a quorum for the transaction of business.

IX. Amendment of the By-Laws.

Any proposition to amend these By-Laws shall be submitted in writing, with the signatures of at least ten members of the Association proposing the same, to the Board of Directors; the Directors shall consider it at their next meeting, and submit it to the Association at its next meeting, notice being given to all members of the proposed changes. A two-thirds vote of all members present shall then be required for the adoption of the proposed amendment.

These By-Laws Corrected to Date:

(Signed) Malcolm F. Partridge

Secretary.

January 27, 1921.